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(S/NOFORN) FACTS:

1. Definition: To borrow a Soviet term, Psychoenergetics (Parapsychology) is that body of observed phenomena inexplicably caused by or involving mental processes. Included are three aspects that may be of extreme military importance. They are Psychokinesis, Clairvoyance (Remote Viewing), and Telepathy.
2. Credible evidence is mounting at an increasing rate that Psychoenergetics is real and can be exploited to one's great advantage. No final conclusions can be reached, however, except to say that enough evidence is on hand to warrant serious study of these phenomena.
3. The Soviet Union and other East Bloc nations are known to be far ahead of the US in Basic and Applied Research into Psychoenergetics. Soviet R&D in this field is primarily controlled and funded by the KGB and military.
4. A number of US DOD officials, among them the USofA and Director DIA, perceive a need to at least explore the potential offered by Psychoenergetics. The general feeling is that we cannot afford to ignore the possibility that the USSR has the capability to precipitate catastrophic defeat of our defensive forces. Those same capabilities, in friendly hands, might mean victory for the US and her allies.
5. Even at this most preliminary stage of Army involvement in Psychoenergetics, an ad hoc oversight committee has been formed: USofA, ACSI, Director DIA, DDR&E and DIA Director of Technical Intelligence.

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6. [REDACTED] is vitally concerned that the US has fallen behind on this "survival issue." He has expressed his feelings to the DCI and has offered a letter over his signature supporting any DOD effort.

7. In the recent past there were other US Government "players." The CIA, from about 1972 to 1974, were actively investigating the Remote Viewing aspects of Psychoenergetics. (Note: Remote Viewing is the ability of a Subject to project his mind's eye to a specific geographic point and describe in varying detail what is located there.) At the same time the US Navy was conducting some submarine tracking and communications experiments. Both organizations dropped out of the field in the aftermath of Watergate, when any sort of "exotic" project, no matter how promising or innocent in fact, could engender bad publicity and political criticism. In popular jargon, this was the Proxmire effect.

8. Some government agencies have stayed in the game:

a. The US Air Force Foreign Science and Technology Division has on-going contracts with a reputable organization, Stanford Research Institute, to replicate known Soviet experiments in Psychoenergetics. It is not believed that the USAF intends to go beyond this modest effort.

b. The US Army Missile Intelligence Agency, via FTD, has used SRI to do basic research into such areas as man-machine interface, and to determine the frequency ranges at which the unexplained mental processes involved, occur.

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c. In more of an Applied fashion, the Army Material Systems Analysis Activity at Aberdeen PG has contracted with SRI to conduct a number of experiments to determine: (1) if enemy commanders can be "tracked" by a friendly Subject; (2) if a friendly Subject can detect changes in the status of an enemy unit (i.e., going on alert status), or changes in an area (i.e., enemy occupation of a forward assembly area); (3) if a friendly Subject can alter sensitive enemy equipment so that it will malfunction in some way (i.e., raise the internal temperatures of a missile warhead so that the guidance system fails); and, (4) if a friendly Subject can break enemy communications codes or "enter" secure computer systems.

d. INSCOM is considering the training of several Subjects to try and determine the Counter Threat parts of Psychoenergetics.

9. A large number of prestigious civilian institutions, corporations and universities are exploring the Psychoenergetic phenomena. Among them are Princeton, Boeing Corporation, Duke University, SRI and the University of Virginia. SRI seems to be the leader in the field.

10. SRI's efforts, headed by two laser physicists, Dr. Targ and Dr. Puthof, involves a small stable of proven Subjects, the most notable being II.

11. II has repeatedly shown an ability to perform a number of unexplainable feats:

a. In a widely reported experiment II raised and lower, at will, the internal temperature of a thermos-type container several rooms away.

b. In what has become a standard procedure, II remotely views (given only the geographic coordinates) any point on earth, with varying amount of details as to what is located there. For example, in one experiment sponsored

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by the CIA he could not concentrate on the relatively uninteresting target he was given (a vacation cottage in the woods). Instead he "wandered" to a nearby place that turned out to be a secret CIA facility. A great deal of commotion was caused as Il penetrated the installation, describing classified code word documents in a room. Some were even inside a filing cabinet. He was physically located in California.

c. Details are not yet known, but it is understood that a few days ago Il gained entry to a computer by mentally picturing, then using, the access code.

12. Other people have also demonstrated the ability to track and remote view:

a. Again, several days ago, an SRI Subject was given only a Xerox copy of the Pentagon badge that belongs to Dr. Kramar, head of AMSAA's labs. Details are not known, but evidently Dr. Kramar was accurately "tracked"

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b. The Dean of Princeton University's Engineering Department described his first experience with Psychoenergetics in a recent paper. (Note: copy to be provided to the CSA/VCS for personal use.) Although he drew no final conclusions, it is clear that he is not a skeptic. (Note: At red markers are examples of a number of successful Remote Viewing experiments.)

(S/NOFORN) RISKS:

1. Military exploration of Psychoenergetics offers the potential for vigorous, sensationalist journalism. The possibility of receiving the "Golden Fleece Award" is also a factor.

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2. There is a slight chance of fraud, if reasonable care in the selection of institutions and individuals is not taken. Good experimental design and dealing with quality institutions will minimize this possibility.
3. If the set of phenomena are real, the possibility of physical harm by hostile intelligence to Subjects like Il, must be considered.
4. Lax security precautions could provide HOIS valuable information about US military capabilities in Psychoenergetics.

(S/NOFORN) GAINS:

1. These are too numerous to list, and for the most part are obvious. It is recognized, however, that all Psychoenergetic applications are hardly known.
2. The capability to perform accurately even one of the phenomena like Remote Viewing, is beyond the normal concept of worth.

(S/NOFORN) RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Army develop a rational, comprehensive program to examine military applications of Psychoenergetics, and that OACSI have DA Staff proponentcy.
2. That DARCOM should take the lead in developing the program for Army, and that INSCOM work closely with DARCOM in that effort.
3. That Army, insofar as possible, work within a DOD framework, to insure that scarce resources are carefully tended and that no unnecessary duplication of work occurs.
4. That the entire project be given the strictest security envelope.
5. All records should clearly reflect that Army is not sponsoring any sort of "mind control" experiments, but is dealing only in those areas of legitimate military concern.
6. That ACSI and staff keep the CSA/VCS current as progress is made.

(S/NOFORN) SUMMARY:

1. The US military must not ignore or be swayed from involvement in Psychoenergetic research and development. The issue at stake is far too important for that.
2. It is not an overstatement to say that successful development and use of Psychoenergetic capabilities are comparable in import and impact as development of the atomic weapon in 1944.

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